

guerre; 5, Finch; 6, Richmond; 7, Osnabruck; 8, Valleyfield; 9, Harrington; 10, Lingwick. In a large proportion of these, perhaps, we might say a majority, gaelic would be indispensable.

For the supply of these vacant Congregations and Stations, the following missionaries and catechists are at present employed, viz:—Presbytery of London, 9; Hamilton, 7; Toronto, 10; Cobourg, 1; Kingston, 1; Brockville & Ottawa, 3; Montreal, 6.

The supply of missionaries from the old country during the past year has been very limited, viz., from Scotland, Mr. Park, Probationer, and Messrs. Craw, and McKerracher, Students; and from Ireland, Mr. McMechan. Mr. White, now settled at Belleville, also came from Ireland through New Brunswick. Mr. Shaw and Mr. White have also come with Presbyterial and other certificates, the former from Ireland, and the other more immediately from England. Mr McKenzie, who laboured in Montreal in connexion with the Cote Street Church, is also officiating at present in the bounds of the Presbytery of Toronto. We trust that from time to time accessions to our staff of our labours may be received from the churches on the other side of the Atlantic. But it is evident that it is mainly to our own young men, that we must look for our future missionaries and ministers. This consideration should lead Presbyteries and Sessions, as well as individual ministers and office-bearers to be more and more diligent in looking out and encouraging young men as candidates for the ministry.

In the report of last year, the following clause occurs:—

“Another question which may require ere long to be considered, is the question as to the claims which Probationers, once in the service of the Home Mission Committee have on its continued employment. In other words, is the Home Mission Committee, or the Presbyteries of Church bound to give appointment to all who are received as Probationers of this Church? And if there is any obligation, how long does it continue? It is right to state to the Synod that no case has occurred as yet, where this question has become necessary. But it is a question which may, in our circumstances, force itself upon our consideration.”

What was then hinted at as a possibility has become an actual question. At a meeting of the Home Committee in April last, there were four Probationers to whom no appointments were given, from the simple circumstance that no Presbytery would undertake to provide em-

ployment for them. This may have been felt as a grievance by the parties alluded to, in regard to whose moral character and standing as Probationers, it is but right to say, that not the slightest objection was alleged, and it becomes now the duty of the Synod to lay down some regulation for the guidance of the Home Mission Committee.

In regard to Buxton Mission a special report will be presented by Mr. King, on the state of the Buxton Mission. It was remitted to a sub-committee to report as to the financial position of Buxton Mission, and the amount of pecuniary responsibility that should be assumed by the Synod. The substance of the report of this committee is, that in the present state of things the Synod should pay Mr. King's salary as missionary; and \$300 towards the salary of Mr. Thomson, Teacher, his salary being (including allowance for house,) \$530. The state of the buildings also required attention. The appointment of a Committee consisting of Messrs. Scott, Doak, Straith, Clark and McKellar, Mr. Scott Convener, to act with Mr. King in carrying out the object of the mission, is recommended.

RED RIVER.—At the last meeting of the Home Mission a sub-committee was appointed to look out for a Minister to visit the Red River for the double purpose of encouraging our excellent brother there, and gaining information as to the state of the aborigines, and the practicability of Missionary operations among them. On the report of this sub-committee, the Home Missionary Committee are now prepared to recommend the appointment of the Rev. Mr. MacTavish.

The Committee would, in conclusion, bring before the Synod, the fact that in addition to the sum already mentioned as being paid by the Executors of the late Mr. Thomson, of Beverley, for the Bursary Fund, and in terms of his will, a like sum (\$10141) has been paid for the missions of the Church. Mr. Thomson's will does not specify any particular object, but his representatives have stated, that in his lifetime he felt special interest in the Buxton Mission. No specific application has of course been made of the funds. But the Committee would take the liberty of stating to the Synod, that the Buxton Mission, at present needs assistance, and they would consider the application of at least a considerable portion of the sum referred to, to this object, as legitimate and proper.

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